

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Middle Ages Research Project

## Guidelines:

1. Length: 3 pages, double-spaced, typed, 12 point font, New Times Roman.
2. Sources: Works Cited comprised of at least 3 sources.
  - At least 1 book source (Your book source must be used and cited a significant number of times.)
  - At least 1 database, e-book, online journal or non-internet source. Use the Library Resources link on the research module page.
  - Only 1 source may be an Internet site. (The Internet article must be printed out and handed in with the final paper)
  - *Your textbook cannot count as a source.*
  - *Wikipedia cannot count as a source.*
3. Documentation style: MLA format (MLA Handbook, 6th edition) Use NoodleTools to produce a Works Cited list in MLA format.



## Topics:

Topics are assigned from the list on the Middle Ages research module.

## Writing the paper:

You will be completing the paper in steps. Each step has a specific due date and will be assigned a point value. At the end of the research paper writing process, all points will be added up to compromise the final grade of the research paper. Failure to follow each step will result in point deductions from the final grade.

**(5 pts) Step 1:** You will draw a topic from the list of topics provided and then devise a thesis. No two people in a class will be writing on the same topic. Your thesis does not have to be your final thesis. It can be a work in progress, but you must produce a thesis at this point. Your thesis can change with approval. **(DUE 10/21/2009)**

**(5 pts) Step 2:** Library research performance. You are expected to utilize the time in the library productively and make use of databases and book resources.

**(10 pts) Step 3:** Submit a complete Works Cited which includes at least 3 sources. You

must correct all mistakes before submitting the final version. **(DUE 10/23/2009)**

**(10 pts) Step 4:** Submit a formal outline of your paper. Include the thesis statement from step 1. **(DUE 10/26/2009)**

**(15 pts) Step 5:** Submit one full introductory paragraph with finalized thesis statement. **(DUE 10/30/2009)**

**(20 pts) Step 6:** Submit a typed full draft. **(DUE 11/9/2009)**

**(5 pts) Step 7:** Have at least one person other than your teacher read through your draft and have them sign the bottom of the draft. **(DUE 11/9/2009)**

**(30 pts) Step 8:** Submit your final draft. Final drafts should be compiled and stapled in this order, top to bottom: Final paper, Works Cited, copies of any internet articles, and rough drafts. Final drafts are due no later than the end of your class period on the final due date. 10 points will be deducted if your instructor does not receive the paper by the time he LEAVES school for the day. **(DUE 11/20/2009)**

### **How to Cite Sources Using MLA:**

Use NoodleTools to produce a Works Cited list in MLA format.